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SUBJECT: BI-LATERAL PLANNING TALKS

FROM WINSTON LORD - S/P

1. WE HAVE AGREED WITH SHOESMITH ON APPROACH TO TAKE WITH
JAPANESE RE TIMING OF NEXT BI-LATERAL PLANNING TALKS.

2. MONTH OF JUNE LOOKS LITERALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME IN
LIGHT OF MY INVOLVEMENT IN NATO PLANNING TALKS IN EUROPE,
PLUS OTHER TRAVEL IN WHICH I WILL HAVE TO BE INVOLVED.
JULY MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, BUT EARLY SEPTEMBER WOULD BE FAR
MORE DESIRABLE FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW - AND FIRST TIME
TO WHICH I FEEL CONFIDENT I CAN COMMIT MYSELF. SINCE LAST
ROUND HERE WAS SO SUCCESSFUL, I AM ANXIOUS TO BE PRESENT
AGAIN AT NEXT SESSION, AND FIND THESE INFORMAL EXCHANGES
HIGHLY VALUABLE EXERCISE.

3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, WHEN HE RETURNS TO TOKYO SHOESMITH
PLANS TO GO BACK INFORMALLY TO EXPLAIN IMPOSSIBILITY OF
MY JUNE SCHEDULE, AND SUGGEST EARLY SEPTEMBER DATE TO
WHICH WE WOULD BE FIRMLY COMMITTED, EVEN IF SOME LAST
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MINUTE CRISIS PREVENTED MY ATTENDING. HE FELT CONFIDENT

JAPANESE WOULD AGREE ON THIS BASIS.

4. HOPE THIS APPROACH RESULTS IN INVITATION FOR EARLY
SEPTEMBER. IF NOT, I'LL SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO WRENCH
FREE FOR A JULY DATE. KISSINGER

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